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CONTINUED ROAD CONSTRUCTION
CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
2143N 10712E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONSTRUCTION ON A PORTION OF ROUTE 415. WHEN COMPLETE THIS DUAL-LANE ALL WEATHER ROAD WILL LINK NING-MING, CHINA WITH THE HAI PHONG/HON GAI AREA.

2. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 415. THE ALIGNMENT IS COMPLETE BUT THE ROAD IS UNSERVICEABLE TO THROUGH VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A) TERMINUS OF CONTINUOUS CONSTRUCTION AT 21-42-52N 107-11-50E (UTM YK272026) CONTINUING NORTHEAST THE ROAD CROSSES THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER AT 21-43-12N 107-12-01E (UTM YK276032) AND THEN CONTINUES NORTH INTO CHINA TO 21-46-00N 107-11-00E (UTM YK272085) WHERE IT JOINS THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF B) ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION EXTENDING SOUTHWEST FROM THE NING-MING AREA (2207N 10707E).

3. BACKGROUND:

THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT MOST OF THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE NORTHERN THIRD OF NORTH VIETNAM ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN LARGELY BY CHINESE ARMY ENGINEERS. MANY OF THE SKILLED NORTH VIETNAMESE CONSTRUCTION CREWS WERE APPARENTLY TRANSFERRED TO SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM IN 1965 TO

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CONCENTRATE ON THE REPAIR OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTES DAMAGED BY US AIR STRIKES. THERE IS ALSO EVIDENCE THAT THE CHINESE MAY BE PUTTING A MAJOR EFFORT ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTHERN BORDER AREA. THIS ACTIVITY APPARENTLY EXTENDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER.

REF A.-SOUTHEAST ASIA ACTIVITY REPORT NO 62 R-251/67, NOVEMBER 1967

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REF B.-PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT [REDACTED]

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